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TO

Amend the Law for the Relief of the Poor in Ireland.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Laws relating to the Relief of the Poor in Ireland: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows: Preamble.

1. Whereas it has been found that the Mortality among infant Children admitted into Workhouses without their Mothers is very large, and that in other respects the Workhouses are not well suited in all Cases for the Care and Nurture of such Children during Infancy, and it is therefore expedient to extend the Powers of Boards of Guardians for the Relief of destitute Poor Children who are Orphans or who have been deserted by their Parents: Be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Board of Guardians to provide for the Relief of any Orphan or deserted Child out of the Workhouse, by placing such Child out at Nurse or otherwise in such Manner and subject to such Regulations as the said Board of Guardians shall, with the Sanction of the Commissioners for administering the Laws for the Relief of the Poor in Ireland, deem fit to adopt; provided that no Child shall continue to be so relieved after the Age of Permitting Guardians to maintain Orphans and deserted Children out of the Workhouse up to the Age of Fifteen.

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of *Fifteen* Years, and that no Orphan or deserted Child shall be admitted into any Workhouse until it shall be of the Age of *Two* Years.

Tenth Section of 10 Vict. c. 31. repealed.

2. And whereas by an Act passed in the Tenth Year of the Reign of Her Majesty, Chapter Thirty-one, Section Ten, it is provided, that no Person who shall be in the Occupation of any Land of greater Extent than the Quarter of a Statute Acre shall be deemed and taken to be a destitute Poor Person, under the Provisions of an Act passed in the Second Year of the Reign of Her Majesty Chapter Fifty-six, for the more effectual Relief of the destitute Poor in Ireland, or of the Acts amending the same: And whereas it is expedient that the said Provisions of the said Act should be repealed: Therefore, from and after the *passing of this Act*, the Tenth Section of the said Act passed in the Tenth Year of the Reign of Her Majesty, Chapter Thirty-one, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

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